



**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS**

The City of Fargo has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for the installation of a new deep well, chemical feed upgrades, and water meter replacement. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water System Improvements
Project Location:	City of Fargo, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$642,300
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$642,300

Project Description

The proposed project will include: the installation of a new deep well capable of pumping 550 GPM into the City's existing water system in order to provide water supply redundancy; rehabilitation of chemical feed equipment at the new well site; installation of approximately 180 Automated Meter Reading (AMR) water meters; and installation of new plastic meter boxes to ensure proper AMR readings.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as all the construction will take place on City-owned property. Currently, the City of Fargo only has one operating well to serve the City's residents and commercial businesses. The proposed second well replaces an existing abandoned well and would provide redundancy to the City's system and provide adequate fire protection from natural disasters given the City's close proximity to the Okefenokee Swamp. The additional reserve capacity that would be provided by the proposed well would be adequate to handle the City's future water demands, as well.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Fargo has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Jordan Gamble, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date:

11/10/21



Manny Patel
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Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Loan Recipient:

City of Fargo
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